Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The 2004 State Red Hat Convention is to be held in Sioux Falls on September 24 – 26, 2004, at which time 400 plus Red Hatters are expected to attend this gathering; and,

Whereas, The Red Hat Society is changing the way we view getting older, and women over the age of 50 want to be part of it; and,

Whereas, The month of February 2004, marked a record-breaking registration of 2,547 chapters and the 20,000th chapter was registered in California in the month of March 2004; and,

Whereas, There are more than 400,000 members of the society in all 50 states and, in addition, chapters are popping up in Canada, Europe and Australia, strengthening the international contingency; and,

Whereas, The Red Hat Society is a social phenomenon that began as a result of a few women deciding to greet middle age with verve, humor and elation, which has resulted in the development of an amazing quality of sisterhood; and,

Whereas, It is fitting that these ladies be honored at the 2004 State Red Hat Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2004, as

RED HAT DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State